NEWS RELEASE

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 10, 2002

CONTACT:

Milissa Reierson Information Officer (615)741-2257 (O) (615)599-3070 (H)

NASHVILLE – Governor Don Sundquist along with Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Michael Magill today announced an open house for the newly opened Johnson County Career Center, noting the aim of the comprehensive employment center system to serve both employers and workers.

"These centers are where people connect with jobs and employers find qualified workers," Sundquist announced. "The centers are the cornerstone of our Workforce Development initiative with the goal of making Tennessee's labor force the best in the nation."

Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Michael E. Magill was on hand today touring the facility. "The Tennessee Career Center in Johnson County brings together a wide array of services at one location. It truly exemplifies the One-Stop concept," Magill explained.

"In the past, employment efforts have been too scattered and have too often left out the employer's needs. The new network of Tennessee Career Centers are changing that and will provide one central place to meet employment needs."

The Career Center, which addresses the workforce development needs of the community, is the result of a partnership between the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Alliance for Business and Training, Northeast State Technical Community College, and the Tennessee Technology Center. The Career Center is located at 358 Hospital Road in Mountain City.

Note: Media coverage is invited.

--30--

(02-057)

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is an equal opportunity employer. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

El Departamento del Trabajo y de la Fuerza Laboral es un organismo empresarial que aplica la igualdad de oportunidades. Los Servicios y ayudas auxiliares están disponibles para los individuos con impedimentos si los soliciten.